

the Norristown Hospital was a promise of good for the future; and both Drs. Dercum and Reel are deserving of great credit for the manner in which they have responded to the opportunities afforded them.

In the synopsis of *Coarse Examinations*, the points are presented in a terse, systematic manner. They indicate that the author of the pamphlet is a practical observer and worker. The autopsies of cases are as large a number, we are safe in saying, as have been given to the profession during the entire existence of some of our older State institutions for the insane. Not a few of the reports are unduly brief and somewhat imperfect; but in these cases special circumstances doubtless prevented fuller investigation. In a large number of the cases, brief but sufficient notes of microscopical examinations are appended to the accounts of the megascopic lesions. Clinical histories are not presented in connection with the cases, which is much to be regretted. Some of the autopsies reported are of especial value, as, for instance, Case No. XXXVII., a female, aged 45 to 50 years, who suffered from dementia interspersed with periods of excitement. In this case, a condition which is spoken of as *multiple angioma of the brain with subsequent calcification* was found. It is to be hoped and expected that the hospital which has thus so auspiciously begun its pathological work will continue it with augmenting ardor and interest.

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Elektro-diagnostik und Electro-therapie. Von DR. E. REMAK. Reprint from *Eulenburg's Real-Encyclopädie* (Urban & Schwarzenberg, Vienna and Leipzig, 1886).

The reprint before us includes the two articles in Eulenburg's well-known Encyclopædia, on Electro-diagnosis and Electro-therapeutics. In ninety-four closely printed pages, the author has managed to array all the facts and most of the theories now accepted in medical electricity. Electro-physics are incidentally discussed, in addition to the subjects which the title indicates; this reprint constitutes, therefore, a fairly complete treatise on medical electricity, in many respects more complete than any text-book on medical electricity with which the reviewer is acquainted. Certainly no text-book can be said to give such a mass of information as this little pamphlet does. The references to the past and current literature are very full indeed. The most recent advances have been noted with great care, and so we find reference to Jolly's recent investigation into resistance, Erb's studies of the electrical conditions of the muscles in Thomsen's disease, Gessler's researches on the terminal motor-plates in their relation to the reaction of degeneration, Müller's electro-therapeutical suggestions, and Engel-skjõns fanciful electro-therapeutical laws, which are severely denounced. All these recent investigations and many more are discussed. The author's own, and the older Remak's investigations receive due, though not excessive, attention.

We have no mind to point out minute details of this little brochure. In passing, we wish, however, to note the statement on p. 36, that the reversal of the normal formula is not an indispensable factor in proving a R. D. In this country, undue stress has been laid upon this one phenomenon to the exclusion of others of equal importance. Unless the promised third edition of De Watteville's book should soon appear, the neurological student could do no better than to refer in case of need to these excellent articles, and we repeat that no text-book is likely to give such full references as are here furnished. Those thoroughly acquainted with the subject of medical electricity will appreciate the masterly manner in which Dr. Remak has performed a difficult task. B. S.

Editorial Notes and Miscellany.

The next number of this Journal will contain a full Periscope and the proceedings of late meetings of the New York and Philadelphia Neurological Societies. In deference to the writers of original articles, these abstracts and reports have been laid over for next month's issue. Present indications are, that if all departments of the JOURNAL are to flourish equally, we may be compelled to exceed the original limit of 64 pages for each number.